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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 26, 1956

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Attention: TALENT Control Officer

It is requested that a TALENT Control Area be established within my Office for the receipt, possession, and processing of TALENT materials for the Department of State. The procedures and standards of the TALENT control system, as outlined in "The TALENT Control System Manual, 1956," which was delivered to and discussed with Mr. Howard Furnas of this office by [redacted] of your office on December 17, 1956, are accepted and will be observed.

The following positions in the Department of State are proposed for clearance for access to TALENT materials:

The Secretary of State  
The Under Secretary of State  
The Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs (Mr. Robert Murphy)  
The Special Assistant, Intelligence (Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr.)  
Assistant to the Special Assistant (Mr. Howard Furnas)  
Secretary to the Special Assistant (Miss Mary V. Moorman)  
Director, Special Projects Staff (Mr. T.A. Polyzoides)  
Deputy Director, SPS (Mr. Leslie Rood)  
Secretary to the Director, SPS (Mrs. Laurel G. Caruthers)  
Chief, Technical Branch, SPS (Mr. Robert F. Packard)  
Assistant to the Director, SPS (Mr. Robert G. Walker)  
Chief, Eastern European Branch, SPS (Mr. William Marvel)  
Deputy Director, Office of Security (Mr. Jack B. Minor)  
Chief, Division of Evaluations, SY (Mr. Otto Otepka)

Mr. Polyzoides will act as TALENT Control Officer, with Mr. Rood as Alternate. Mr. Parker will act as TALENT Security Officer, with Mr. Walker as Alternate. The two officers in the Division of Security will require clearances in order to certify with respect to the security of individuals proposed for TALENT clearance. They will not receive TALENT material.

Mr. William Marvel will represent the Department on the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee. All of the persons listed above are COMINT cleared.

W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

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STATE review(s) completed.

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